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LEADER OF ARIZONA'S ARYAN BROTHERHOOD PRISON GANG SENTENCED TO OVER 19 YEARS IN PRISON

PHOENIX -- Bruce Foy Lowry, a.k.a. "Boss Hog," age 52, of Phoenix, Ariz., was resentenced on Monday, October 30, 2006, to 235 months in prison for Felon in Possession of Ammunition, in violation of the Armed Career Criminal Act, by U.S. District Court Judge David G. Campbell. The resentencing was the result of a remand of the case from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

The evidence which led to a guilty verdict by a jury on February 11, 2004, showed that Lowry was arrested in April 2003 pursuant to an unrelated warrant by ATF and other agencies. At the time of his arrest, Lowry admitted he had a Ruger, .40 caliber, semi-automatic pistol in his waistband. The gun was loaded with 10 rounds of ammunition. The arrest was the result of an outstanding warrant seeking Lowry's arrest for failure to appear on five felony charges relating to a drive-by shooting. At trial, the government played a jail tape of a telephone conversation where Lowry discussed his arrest with a friend and stated, "If could have drawn I would have. I couldn't even draw."

At Lowry's resentencing, the government noted that Lowry was a leader of the Aryan Brotherhood, an Arizona prison gang, and has an extensive and violent criminal history involving the use of both firearms and knives. In particular, the government noted that Lowry's history includes the following convictions: (1) two 1974 convictions for Armed Robbery in Santa Clara County, California, where Lowry pointed guns at a 16-year-old fast food clerk and a convenience store clerk in the course of two robberies; (2) a 1974 conviction for Armed Robbery in Pima County, Arizona, where Lowry pointed a gun at a convenience store clerk in the course of the robbery; (3) a 1978 conviction for Assault With a Deadly Weapon in Pinal County, Arizona, where Lowry and three other inmates stabbed a black inmate approximately 20 times in retaliation for an attack on a fellow member of the Aryan Brotherhood; (4) a 1979 conviction for Assault With Intent to Commit Murder where Lowry and six fellow inmates attacked another inmate with a knife for failing to following instructions and commit a different assault ordered by the Aryan Brotherhood; and in a apparent attempt to send a message to other inmates, the knife was left in the victim's heart and later recovered by the surgeons who saved the victim's life; and (5) four convictions in 2006 for Drive-By Shooting, two counts of Aggravated Assault and Misconduct with Weapons after Lowry fired two rounds into a car containing a mother, father and six-year-old child who were following him after he had left the scene of an auto accident.

Lowry has been in federal custody since his arrest on April 15, 2003, and was remanded to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons today by Judge Campbell.

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The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives with assistance from the Phoenix Police Department, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and the Arizona Department of Corrections.

The prosecution is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Frederick A. Battista, District of Arizona.

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